

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Title at page 1, lines 1-2, with the following new Title:

IMAGING APPARATUS, IMAGING METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR
MINIMIZING A RELEASE TIME LAG

Please replace the paragraph at page 21, lines 13-17, with the following amended paragraph:

By providing such construction, namely, condition or setting, ~~the upper limit of the~~ shutter second or predetermined time corresponds to approximately the half time of the term of the vertical synchronous signal and therefore time of indicating the operation of the mechanical shutter 7-4a can be hastened by shortening the electronic shutter term.

Please replace the paragraph Abstract at page 26, line 1-11, with the following rewritten paragraph: